



## Lotus Communications Corp.

March 30, 2007

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the secretary

445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Internet access for Tampa's minorities

Dear Madam Secretary:

I ask for your assistance in leveling the playing field for many minorities in the Tampa area, as well as our nation.

I am the General Manager of Lotus TV, a television station that caters to the large Hispanic population in the Tampa area. As a businessman that stays in touch with Florida's minority community, I feel that Docket No. 07-16 could make a significant, positive change for many in my region.

It has been estimated by the National Center for Education Statistics that only 44% - 47% of minority students use the Internet on a regular basis, compared to 59% for the entire population of students. This discrepancy is in large part to the economic disadvantages facing many of today's minority families.

By allowing a free, wireless, broadband Internet network across America, we would be providing opportunities to younger generations of all races, while creating a better environment for minority youths. The increased cost of broadband is prohibitive to many families, but a free network would promote an equal chance to all members of our great country.

Please consider Docket No. 07-16, and allow a free broadband network to create a positive learning experience for all of America.

Sincerely,

Damian Molina, Lotus TV

CC: FCC Chairman, Kevin Martin

FCC Commissioners: Copps, Adelstein, Tate, McDowell

Wireless Bureau Chief, Fred Campbell

Senator Bill Nelson

Senator Mel Martinez